Other self employment schemes like Rural Employment Generation Programme, Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, and Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana benefit persons in all age groups.

(c) and (d) Labour force is estimated on the basis of increase in population in the country. As per the two most recent National Sample Surveys on employment and unemployment, labour force, on Current Daily Status (CDS) basis, increased from 335.97 million in 1993-94 to 363.33 million in 1999-2000. The employment opportunities increased from 315.84 million to 336.75 million during the same period.

Orissa Development Report

540. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that "Orissa Development Report" of Planning Commission has shown disturbing features relating to the economy of the State and has urged upon the State to correct their fiscal imbalance;

(b) the other salient features of the report and remedies suggested to boost economy; and

(c) the financial and other assistance given by the Centre to help the State to improve its fiscal position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Report has seventeen chapters focusing attention on the growth of different sectors, sections of population and regions along with their problems and constraints. The following critical areas, among others, have been listed in which public policies have a major role to play, namely, agricultural development for rural well-being; infrastructural development; improvement in agro-based and small scale industries; and social sector development to improve the quality of life of the people.

(c) In order to assist the State, the Centre has been providing financial and other assistance. In addition to normal Central Assistance and flow of funds under various Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Rs. 200 crore has been provided as Special Central Assistance in 2002-03 for the undivided Koraput-Bolangir-Kalahandi (KBK) districts on 100 per cent grant basis.

Centrally sponsored projects in Karnataka

541. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether plan allocation for Central sponsored proejcts has been reduced for the financial year 2003-2004;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the projects likely to be effected by the reduced allocation particularly in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Span of Tenth Five Year Plan

542. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to reduce the duration of Tenth Five Year plan from five years to three years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.